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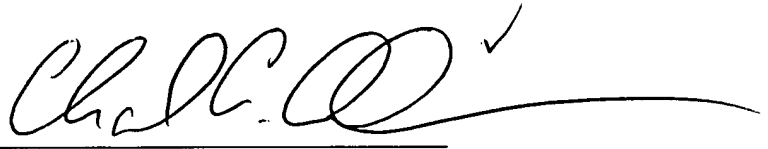
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, represented by claims 1-18.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement between Groups I and III and requests examination of claims 1-18 and 21-23. Restriction was required between Groups I and III because "the method can be practiced with an apparatus not requiring a means for varying the direction of propagation." By the present amendment, method claim 1 has been amended to specify that the direction of propagation is varied. As such, the method must be practiced by an apparatus with a "means for varying" and restriction is no longer proper.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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**In the Claims:**

1. (Amended) A method of applying a flowable substance to a web of wrapping material for rod-shaped products, comprising the steps of:

confining the web to movement along a predetermined path;

directing at least one stream of flowable substance in an at least partially non-linear manner toward one side of the web to vary the direction of propagation of the flowable substance.